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SUBJECT: GILLES MATHIEU, NEW CANADIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON

- 1. ACCORDING TO AN EXTAFF COMMUNIQUE, GILLES MATHIEU, CURRENTLY ON SECONDMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE, EXTERNAL, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE TREASURY BOARD, WILL BECOME MINISTER IN THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BORN IN MONTREAL NOVEMBER 1, 1932, MATHIEU RECEIVED HIS B.A. FROM SAINTE-CROIX COLLEGE AND HIS M.A. IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL. HE HAS SERVED IN ACCRA, PARIS, OTTAWA (DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS), AND ABIDJAN (AMBASSADOR).
- 2. COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MATHIEU WILL OCCUPY THE SENIOR MINISTERIAL POSITION IN WASHINGTON, WHICH MICHEL DE GOUMOIS (OTTAWA 8735) WAS TO HAVE FILLED. (DE GOUMOIS BECOMES INSTEAD DEPUTY-UNDER SECRETARY.) THESE CHANGES FOLLOW THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FORMER SENIOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, PIERRE BISSONETTE, AS DEPUTY SOLICITOR-GENERAL AND THE REALIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED LAST FALL. LIKE DE GOUMOIS, MATHIEU OWES HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN LARGE PART TO HIS FRANCOPHONE BACKGROUND. ENDERS

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